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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Gitis et al.  
Assignee: Maxtor Corporation  
Title: MAGNETIC HEAD SLIDER WITH RESISTANCE TO DEBRIS  
ACCUMULATION  
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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

The captioned-application is a continuation of pending prior U.S. Application Serial No. 08/161,234, filed December 2, 1993, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 07/992,270, filed December 14, 1992 (abandoned). The '234 application incorporated by reference the '270 application at page 12, lines 1-4. The captioned-application is based on and only contains subject matter disclosed in the '270 application. Therefore, the effective filing date for the captioned-application is December 14, 1992. Please amend the captioned-application, based on the '270 application, as follows.

**In the Abstract**

Page 15, line 3, delete "region".

Page 15, line 4, delete "region".